

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2021**

PRESENT	Commissioners Tyrel Hamilton and Steve Riveland, members; Shannon Fisher Admin Assistant. Others Present: Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Randy Smith, SCSO; Kisha Miller, City of Columbus; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; Stephanie Ray, Economic Development; Maureen Wiltshire, DES; Bill Pronovost, DES; Rich Cowger, CRFD; Citizens: Shirlee Keffer
PLEDGE	Commissioner Hamilton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
MINUTES	None presented.
CLAIMS	107755 through 107864 in the amount of \$270,083.35. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve the claims 107755 through 107864 in the amount of \$270,083.35. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED . Discussion – Shirlee Keffer asked what were some of the larger items from the claims. Commissioner Hamilton responded that there was a claim for A&E Design for \$33,000.00 for work on the Law & Justice Center, one for White Heating & Air Conditioning for \$13,000.00 for duct cleaning and A/C renovation and upgrade for the south annex, one for Great West Engineering for \$38,174.00 for Absarokee Sewer, and one Morrison Mairele for \$25,000.00 for the county’s technology work. <u>Motion passed unanimously.</u>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Maureen Wiltshire announced that the final update for the Trout Creek Fire is that pretty much wrapped up. There is one crew still on site for make sure there are no hot spots and that everything is safe. There have been no other fires in the county. Shannon Fisher announced that the Stillwater River clean-up will take place August 27, 2021. This will be an all-day event and hopefully there will be volunteers from all over the county. This is completely grant funded. Clean up will be for all ten fishing accesses along the river and lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Commissioner Hamilton announced that on August 25, 2021 from 11 to 2 will be the employee appreciation barbecue.
CONSENT AGENDA	<u>Road & Bridge</u> A) Capital Credit Discount Offer of Triangle Telephone
FILE ITEMS	<u>Law & Justice Center</u> A) Application for Builders Risk Insurance <u>Treasurer</u> A) Report for the month of July in the amount of \$54,251,481.77 <u>Sheriff</u> A) Report for the month July in the amount of \$650.00 <u>City-County Airport</u> A) Airfield pavement maintenance contract notice of proceed

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Marlo Pronovost asked if there was a dollar amount for the Triangle Telephone discount. Commissioner Hamilton responded that the discount is \$2720.46 or if the county decides to take the early payment it would only be \$211.11. The county has typically waited for the full amount in the past. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS 911/DES

A) Approve updated quote for 911 systems upgrade. No action taken, item will be moved to next week's agenda, the county is waiting for more information from the state.

Economic Development

A) A1A document B133-2019 contract for services between A&E Design and Stillwater County for new Law & Justice Center project. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the A1A document B133-2019 contract for services between A&E Design and Stillwater County for new Law & Justice Center project. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that the proposal was approved at the Nye traveling meeting on August 3, 2021. This is the finalization of the contract which has gone through legal approval. This is the contract for services for the duration of the project of the Law & Justice center. This covers everything from schematic design through the completion of the project. This will include construction project management and owner's representative as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – Shirlee Keffer stated that she has a couple of items she would like to speak about. A couple of weeks ago she had asked the Commissioners about voter integrity and sending a letter to the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General and would like to know if any action was taken as a result of that discussion. Secondly, the Stillwater Republican Women will be having a Politics and Eggs breakfast on September 11, 2021. We must never forget September 11th. The topic for Politics and Eggs will be "Are you prepared?" With all the recent fires and having attended the Nye meeting about flash floods, and also earthquakes and explosions, it is appropriate that we remind ourselves to be prepared in case of an emergency. Shirlee has been praying for the protection of the firefighters with the hot summer we have been having.

With no further comments heard the meeting was recessed at 9:10 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING August 17, 2021

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OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Hamilton opened the public hearing at 9:30 a.m.

REASON FOR PUBLIC HEARING Proposed change to septic fee calculation checklist packet.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION Josh Juarez explained that there is a proposed increase in fees to reflect the increase of fees at the state level from the Department of Environmental Quality and also from the neighboring counties. The proposed fees will be consistent with neighboring jurisdictions.

This will update the ordinance from 2018 establishing the fees for review. The new fees were adopted by the neighboring counties in March of this year. This will update our fees for services and taking into account the time spent on the reviews to show they are consistent with rules and regulations from the State of Montana as well as the time put into them and the increase in development across the county will help ensure the protection of the beneficial use of water and that property developers will have a septic system that will reliably operate for them.

**QUESTIONS AND
COMMENTS**

Shirlee Keffer asked if there is a packet to review? Commissioner Hamilton replied that a packet of the proposed changes in draft form can be put together and public comment will be accepted. Josh Juarez added that the proposed changes are available on the website as well.

**CALL FOR
PROPOSERS**

One proponent was counted.

**CALL FOR
OPPOSERS**

Zero opposers were counted.

**HEARING
CLOSED**

Written comments will be accepted until Monday, August 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. A final decision will be made Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. during the regular agenda meeting. The hearing was closed at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder